

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Jan. 28, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In. attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, James Sousa, Robert Miner, Jon Ulmschneider, Christopher Stanley, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, seconded by J. Sousa, to accept as submitted; motion unanimously passed.

Correspondence:

- „« Individual company correspondence distributed.**
- „« Fire Department sprinkler system keys distributed.**
- „« RI Fire Chiefs Association applications distributed.**
- „« Letter of appreciation to E-6 and rescue members.**
- „« Thank you letter from Ann Marie Roy re: toy distribution read.**

Old Business:

- „« Chief asked if anyone had questions concerning 2008/2009 proposed budget; N. Blank said it has been awhile since company stewards have had an increase.**
- „« Chief stated we will not be installing toolbox on utility truck.**

New Business:

„« Andrew Deschenes submitted letter of resignation; he is moving out of state. B. Remy made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to accept. Motion carried unanimously.

„« Leave of Absence request submitted by Amy Sanderson, due to medical procedure. R. Miner made motion, seconded by B. Remy, to approve. Motion unanimously approved.

„« Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade V E-1 to participate. Dress uniform required, and participants are to march, not just ride on truck.

„« Chief received some company requests to have flag pole installed on Town Common by memorial. He still needs request from E-5 and E-6.

„« Chief informed Board that Paul Lopes still has not paid the \$100 for his EMT re-cert, as was determined by Board at a previous meeting. Chief has sent letters, including two certified, but no response to date. Cost per individual is \$150; however, department only collects \$100 to offset cost from individuals not actively participating in rescue calls. P. Lopes is the only one who has not yet paid. Chief asked Board what action they want to take. N. Blank stated a letter should be sent, if check not received by Feb. 14th, informing P. Lopes he will not be able to participate in any fire department calls, etc. (with the exception of E-1 social events). If payment not received by Feb. 24th, he will be terminated. Chief stated if payment not made, Lopes will also no longer be able to take the re-cert class through the Warren Fire Dept. J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to send the letter; motion

unanimously approved.

„« Rescue run reports need to have bubbles completed darker. Chief will supply either black sharpies or other pens for this purpose.

„« New stretchers have been installed in all rescue trucks. Old stretchers will be used for trade-in.

„« Chief wants all department members advised although he has an open door policy, members in his office are to leave when Chief is in a meeting in his office.

„« Chief stated strobe lights on utility truck have been changed, eliminating the blue ones; blue lights are for use by police departments only, not fire departments.

Training:

„« FF I & V Classes to begin Tuesday, March 11th; station location will be announced. HazMat class is a requirement to get FF I certification.

„« WMD & SCBA suits & V final class scheduled for Feb. 18th at Fire Headquarters; this is a mandatory class for all rescue personnel.

„« 21 department members showed up for the cold water rescue drill; most of these have already attended one of these drills. Chief stated rescue members should also be participating in training when they are on duty crew. N. Blank wants Chief to inform all companies that training attendance is mandatory; J. Ulmschneider said it should be mandatory for those who have been members between 1-5 years. Chief will send memo to each company.

Other:

„« Mutual Aid Run Cards distributed; Chief divided town into three zones. J. Ulmschneider asked for map of town indicating specific zones. Copies of cards will be put on Hazards. Chief will first revise cards to add „§Tanker“ under „§Engine“, and „§MA“ to Tanker Task Force.

There being no further business to discuss, A. Primiano made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.